(c) whether Government are aware that CRPF jeeps are being misused for Bringing the personal staff of high officials in the Home Ministry; and

(d) if so* what steps Government propose to take to effect economy in this regard?

THE •BEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE ^tSHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a) Instructions have teen issued % the Government that eonsumptiBn of geirol and diesel ift Government vehicles including stair ears shtfuld be reduced by 20 pel eeUt cbmfiared to fee eehsbmiltibh during the' year *l$Bl&4o.*

(bl The Staff Car Rules which regulate the use of staff ears^ have the neeessary provisions to ensure use of official vehicles tor bonafide purpose. Instructions have recently been reiterated to take- suitable steps against misuse of Government vehicles/staff ears.

(e) No such instance has come to notice of the Ministry of Home Affairs.

(d) Does not arise.

Profits Earned by Nationalised Banks

1063. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the profit earned bv the nationalised banks in the last financial year; and

lb) what steps are being taken to improve the performance of these banks?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a) The published profits of 19 out Of the 20 nationalised banks: who have finalised their accounts for the year 1989-90, aggregate to Rs; 239.73 crdres,

(b) Government and the Reserve B^fik of India (ftfcl) have taken 439' R.S.—6 series of measures tb imprdve the per-forthiince and prbfitahWty of the gttblib sectbf Batiks. These htehttife augmentation ol their capital, higher coupon rates on Government Securities, higher return on cash balances maintained With RBI. Banks have been advised by RBI to drafcr up action plans with a view to Igjjpiny* ing their operational efficiency. Banks hav? also been exhorted to take specmS measures lb niaifatairi tneir viability and profitability By fillani 6f effective business planning and uSve-topnient. Besides, "batiks have taf&h certain measures for ennaneifif $B-ductivity and for effecting ecbn&hy th expenditure e$c.

Resource Ti-aaslEfers by Finahce Coffl-niissions to Kerala

1064. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister 6£ FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government "are aware that while the Seventh Finance Commission had allocated to Kerala 3.70 per cent of the total resource transfer, the Eighth Fiinance Commission reduced it to 3.27 per cent and the the Ninth Finahce Commission has further reduced it to 301 per cent thereby handing but a raw deal to the State of Kerala;

(b) if so, what corrective steps are being taken in this regard;

(c) whether his Ministry has received any memorandum from Kerala in this connection; and

. (d) if so, what action has been taken thereon?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI); (a) In percentage ' terms, the share of Kerala in the total resource transfer was 3.70 i>er cent, 3.27 per cent arid 3.25 per cent respectively under the iefcorhmehda-tions of the Seventh Eighth and Ninth Finance ItJomifiissiohs. The

shares of the States including Kerala had been determined by the Finance Commissions in accordance with the priniciples adopted by them.

(b) The recommendations of the Ninth Finance. Commission for 1990— 95 have already been accepted by the Government;"

(e) and (d) The State Government •h,as referred to the over all revenue deficit of Rs. 219.46 crores left uncovered by the Commission for 1990-91 and requested for overdraft facility of Rs. 220 crores for the current year to meet the revenue expenditure needs of the State and a long term loan of Rs. 100 crores. These requests of the State Government are under consideration and final decisions are expected to be taken soon.

Loss to Exchequer Due to Reduction in Customs Duty

1065. SHRI JAGESH DESAI; Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the statement of B.J.P. that on account of liberalised reduction in customs duty there will be a loss to the tune of Rs. 12000 crores to the exchequer during the next six years; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to arrest the fall in customs duty collection?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI); (a) The Government is not aware of any liberalised of BJP that on account of liberalised reduction in customs duty there will be a loss *to* the tune of Rs. *12,000* crores to the exchequer during the next six years.

(b) Does not arise.

Quantum of Loans waived

1066. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: "Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:'

(a) the amount of loans sol. far waived under the loan waiver scheme, State-wise; and

(b) the number of farmers ! ^benefited thereby? ***Ift*** ""! .

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN .THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a) and (b) * Implementation of the agricultural Rural Debt Relief Scheme, 1990 is at different stage of implementation in various States. Till the banks submit the claim statements, it would not be possible to indicate any estimates State-wise about the number of farmers who are likely to be benefited by the scheme. Similarly, the amount of money involved in the debt relief scheme can be worked out only after banks perpare the list of beneficiaries eligible for relief under the Scheme.

Financial Assistance to States for Writing off Agricultural Loans

1067. SHRI PASUMPON THA. KIRUTTINAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government have approached the centre for finan cial help for writing off the agricul tural loans; and

(b) if so, the details of the demand and the state-wise financial help pro posed to be provided to the State Go vernments to meet their financial bur den?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a) and (b) Government of India have formulated a scheme known as 'Agricultural and Rural Debt Relief (AHDR) Scheme, 1990' for providing debt relief to far-rners, landless cultivators, artisans and weavers upto Rs. 10,000/- by public sector banks and regional rural banks